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Reports three major changes recommended by the Curriculum Committee of the College Self-Study Project: (1) to broaden the program of general studies to include work in the fine arts and in nonwestern civilizations and to provide more electives to students; (2) to replace the major-minor structure with the area of concentration in order to provide a more intensive specialization in the upper-level years; and (3) to reduce the minimum number of credit hours required for graduation from 128 to 123 in order to standardize the course load of most students at six courses per semester, including physical education. Detailed proposals accompany the recommendations.

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ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM STUDY COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

One of the standing committees of the College Self-Study Project was a committee on the study of the curriculum. In membership this committee was identical with the regular Curriculum Committee with the addition of a number of carefully selected students. It devoted itself to a study of the curriculum during the academic year 1961-1962, with particular emphasis upon the revision of the program of general studies and the strengthening of the area of specialization.

This report contains a statement of the changes recommended by the Committee as they were approved by the faculty in a series of five meetings this fall. Three major changes have been made: in the first place, the program of general studies has been broadened to include work in the fine arts and in non-western civilizations as well as to provide more electives, within certain limits, to students in meeting various requirements; in the second place, in order to provide a more intensive specialization in the upper-level years, the structure of the major-minor has been replaced by the area of concentration; in the third place, the minimum number of credit hours required for graduation has been reduced from 128 to 123 so as to standardize the course load of most students at six courses per semester, including Physical Education.

On the whole, the approach of the Curriculum Study Committee and the Faculty to the process of revision has been a conservative one. This is due basically to the conviction, strengthened by several surveys, that the curriculum of the college was basically sound and did not require extensive reorganization. The changes which have been made are meant to give our students a basic learning experience adequate to the time in which they must live.

These revisions are presented with the recommendation that they be approved.

PART I

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION AND COURSE LOAD

A. The minimum number of credit hours required for graduation shall be 123, including the credits earned in physical education.

B. The minimum course load for each student in each semester shall be 14 credit hours, not including physical education;

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The maximum course load for each student in each semester shall be 17 credit hours, not including physical education; exceptions to this rule must be made in the case of certain specialized programs, and may be made by the Dean, in consultation with the department chairman concerned, in the case of qualified students. (Note: With the minimum credit hour requirement for graduation in mind, this regulation means, in effect, that the normal course load for each student will be five courses each semester, not including physical education. This regulation means that students must expect to make up credits lost because of failures in courses or changes in programs in a summer session.).

C. The Dean shall be empowered, after consultation with and agreement by the chairman of the Department of Education and of the concentration department involved, to excuse a student enrolled in the teacher education program from three to six credit hours of work in the Program of General Studies in case of grave load and/or schedule problems, provided that these problems were not occasioned by course failures and/or changes in program, and provided that the exception be granted only in the senior year.

PART II

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO AREA OF CONCENTRATION

A. The area of concentration shall be adopted as the basis of organizing advanced work.

B. The area of concentration shall consist of between thirty-eight to fifty-two credit hours (13 - 16 courses) beyond the program of general studies. Of this, a minimum of twenty-four credits must be in the core field and twelve credits in related fields.

C. The following departments shall be authorized to define areas of concentration: Biology, Business Administration and Economics, Chemistry, Classical Languages, English, French, German, History, Home Economics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology and Spanish.

D. In the definition of its area of concentration each department shall provide for at least two advanced courses in each of the last four semesters, including at least one '400' level course for each of the last two semesters; and in organizing the '400' level course, emphasis shall be placed upon one or several of the following: research projects, independent study, planned reading programs, and bibliographical research.

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CURRICULUM STUDY COMMITTEE
PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR HISTORY CONCENTRATION

Degree: A. B.

I. Program of General Studies:

Three semester courses in Religion	9 credits
Philosophy 301, General Ethics	3
English 101-102, English Composition	6
English 103, Basic Principles of Speech	3
English 203, 204, Survey of English Literature	6
Foreign or Classical Language[1.]	0-12
Natural Science Fundamentals 201-202 or two semesters of experimental science and one semester of mathematics	6 (11)
History 101, 102, History of Civilization	8
Two semester courses in Political Science, Sociology, Economics, and/or Psychology[2.]	6
One semester course in Music Appreciation	3
One semester course in Art Appreciation	3
Physical Education	3
	56/73 credits (23-28 courses)

II. Area of Concentration:

History 201, 202, History of the U.S. and Pa.	6
History 401-402, Introduction to Research	4
Political Science 201, American Government	3
Political Science 202, International Relations	3
Business Administration 203-204, Principles of Economics	6
Philosophy 322, Philosophy of History	3
History electives[3.]	15
	40 credits (14 courses)

III. Free electives:

10 to 27 credits

IV. Grand Total:

123 credits (46 courses)

1. Requirement may be met by passing a proficiency test.
2. Psychology 201 required of all students pursuing the teacher education program.
3. 4/6 credits in American History and 4/6 in European History.

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CURRICULUM STUDY COMMITTEE
PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICS CONCENTRATION

Degree: B. S. in Economics

I. Program of General Studies:

Three semester course in Religion	9 credits
Philosophy 301, General Ethics	3
English 101-102, English Composition	6
English 103, Basic Principles of Speech	3
English 201 or 203, 202 or 204	6
Mathematics 101, 102	6
Natural Science Fundamentals 201-202 or two semesters of a laboratory science	6 (8)
History 101, 102, History of Civilization	8
Psychology 201, Political Science 201, Sociology 201, and Business Administration 203	12
Music Appreciation	3
Art Appreciation	3
Physical Education	3
	68/70 credits (27 courses)

II. Area of Concentration:

Bus. Ad. 101-102, Fundamentals of Accounting	6 credits
Bus. Ad. 103, Introduction to Business Organization	3
Bus. Ad. 104, The Legal Environment of Business Enterprise	3
Bus. Ad. 203-204, Principles of Economics	6
Bus. Ad. 207-208, Elementary Statistics	6
Bus. Ad. 311, Finance	3
Bus. Ad. 312, Aggregative Economics	3
Advanced Business Administration electives	12
	42 credits (14 courses)

III. Free electives:

13 to 15 credits

IV. Grand Total:

125 credits (46 courses)

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE
CURRICULUM STUDY COMMITTEE
PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR CHEMISTRY CONCENTRATION

Degree: B. S.

I. Program of General Studies:

Three semester courses in Religion	9	credits
Philosophy 301, General Ethics	3	
English 101-102, English Composition	6	
English 103, Speech	3	
English 201 or 203, 202 or 204, Literature	6	
Foreign Language[1]	0-12	
Chemistry 101-102, General Chemistry	8	
Mathematics 107-108, Calculus and Analytic Geometry	6	
History 101-102, History of Civilization	8	
Two semester courses chosen from Political Science, Sociology, Economics, and/or Psychology [2]	6	
One semester course in Art Appreciation	3	
One semester course in Music Appreciation	3	
Physical Education	1	
	64/76	credits
	(20/24	courses)

II. Area of Concentration:

Chemistry 201, Qualitative Analysis	4	credits
Chemistry 202, Quantitative Analysis	4	
Chemistry 301-302, Organic Chemistry	10	
Chemistry 401-402, Physical Chemistry	8	
Chemistry 403, Qualitative Organic Analysis	4	
Chemistry elective	3	
Physics 201-202 or 203-204, General Physics	8	
Mathematics 205, Calculus	4	
Mathematics 206, Differential Equations	4	
	49	credits
	(12	courses)

III. Free Electives:

10 to 22 credits

IV. Grand Total:

135 credits (44 courses)

1. Requirement can be met by passing a proficiency examination.
2. Psychology 201 required of all students pursuing the teacher education program.

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE
CURRICULUM STUDY COMMITTEE
PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR A HOME ECONOMICS CONCENTRATION
(TEACHER EDUCATION)

Degree: B. S.

I. Program of General Studies:

Two semester courses in Religion	6	credits
Philosophy 301, General Ethics	3	
English 101-102, English Composition	6	
English 103, Basic Principles of Speech	3	
English 201 or 203, 202 or 204, Literature	6	
One semester course in Mathematics	3	
Chemistry 111-112, General Chemistry	8	
History 101-102, History of Civilization	8	
Sociology 201, General Sociology	3	
Sociology 309, The Family	3	
Psychology 201, General Psychology	3	
Psychology 361, Developmental Psychology	3	
Music Appreciation	3	
Art Appreciation	3	
Physical Education	3	
	64	credits
	(25	courses)

II. Area of Concentration:

Home Economics 101-102, Clothing	6
Home Economics 201-202, Foods	6
Home Economics 204, Problems in Textiles	2
Home Economics 302, Nutrition	3
Home Economics 303, Advanced Clothing Problems	3
Home Economics 304, Management in Group Living	3
Home Economics 305, Advanced Foods	3
Home Economics 306, Home Economics Education	2
Home Economics 401, Management in Group Living	3
Fine Arts 301, Costume Design	2
Fine Arts 303, Interior Decoration	2
Biology 201-202, General Biology	8
Biology 321, General Bacteriology	4
	47 credits
	(16 courses)

III. Free Electives:

21 credits

IV. Grand Total:

132 credits (47 courses)

PART III

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE PROGRAM OF GENERAL STUDIES

Summary of Changes in Program of General Studies

In content:

1. Replacing the course in History of Western Civilization with one in the History of Civilization in order to provide an opportunity for each student to learn about non-western civilizations.

2. Requiring work in both Music Appreciation and Art Appreciation of all students.

3. Reorganizing the introductory course in Religion and providing an increased number of electives in Religion.

4. Permitting A.B. and B.S. in Economics students an option in meeting their science and mathematics requirement by electing a laboratory science.

5. Permitting A.B. and B.S. students an option in meeting their social science requirement.

6. Permitting all students an option in meeting their Philosophy requirement.

7. Adding a mathematics requirement to the Home Economics program.

In Structure:

1. Eliminating all two-credit courses from the Program of General Studies. This has the advantage of enhancing the status of these courses in the eyes of students.

2. Restructuring the required course in Speech as a one-semester, three credit offering.

3. Making it possible for students to discharge all or part of the foreign language requirement by passing a proficiency test.

4. Assigning a four credit value to the course in History of Civilization to make available adequate time for instruction in a course with expanded coverage.

5. Making the program of General Studies less rigid by increasing the number of choices which students can exercise in meeting various requirements.

Bachelor of Arts Degree

	Old	Credits	New	Credits
Religion and Philosophy	Four semester courses in Religion	8	Three semester courses in Religion	9
	Philosophy 301, General Ethics	3	Phil. 301, Gen. Ethics or Phil. 202, Problems of Philosophy	3
Language and Literature	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6
	Eng. 103-104, Basic Principles of Speech	4	Eng. 103, Basic Principles of Speech	3
	Eng. 201,202, Intro. to Lit. or Eng. 203,204, Survey of English Literature	6	Eng. 201,202, Intro. to Lit. or Eng. 203,204, Survey of Eng. Lit.	6
	Foreign Language (as required for major	0 or 12	Foreign Language [1]	0-12
Science and Mathematics	Natural Science Fundamentals 201-202	6	Nat. Sci. Fund. 201-202	6 (or)
			Two semesters of an introductory, laboratory sci. course and one semester of mathematics	11
Social Sciences	History 101, 102, History of Western Civilization	6	Hist. 101,102,Hist.of Civ.	6
	Soc. Sci. Fund. 101-102	6	Two courses selected from among Psychology 201, Political Science 201, Sociology 201, or Business Ad. 203 [2]	6
	Psychology 201	3		
The Arts	Music 101, Music. Fund.	2	One semester course in Music Apprec. and one in Art Appreciation	6
Physical Education	Physical Education (six semesters)	3	Physical Education (six semesters)	3
		53 or 65 cr.		(68) 56 to 73 cr.

1. Requirement can be discharged, in whole or in part, by passing a proficiency test.

2. Psychology 201 must be taken by teacher education students.

Bachelor of Science Degree
(not including Home Economics majors)

	Old	Credits	New	Credits
Religion and Philosophy	Four semester courses in Religion	8	Three semester courses in Religion [1].	9
	Philosophy 301 General Ethics	3	Phil. 301, Gen. Ethics or Phil. 202, Problems of Philosophy	3
Language and Literature	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6
	Eng. 103-104, Basic Principles of Speech	4	Eng. 103, Basic Principles of Speech	3
	Eng. 201,202, Intro. to Lit. or Eng. 203,204 Survey of English Literature	6	Eng. 201,202 Intro. to Lit. or Eng. 203,204, Survey of English Literature	6
	Foreign Language (as required for major)	12	Foreign Language [2]	0-12
Science and Mathematics	Chem. 101-102, Gen. Chem.	8	Chem. 101-102, Gen. Chem.	8
	Math. 107-108, Calculus and Analytical Geometry	6	Math. 107-108, Calculus and Analytical Geometry	6
Social Sciences	History 101,102, History of Western Civilization	6	History 101,102, History of Civilization	8
	Soc. Sci. Fund. 101-102	6	Two courses selected from among Psychology 201, Political Science 201, Sociology 201, or Business Ad. 203 [3].	6
	Psychology 201	3		
The Arts	Music 101, Music Fund.	2	One Semester course in Music Apprec. and one in Art Appreciation	6
Physical Education	Physical Education (six semesters)	3	Physcial Education (six semesters)	3
		73		76

1. Pre-Medical students must take only two courses in Religion.

2. Requirement can be discharged, in whole or in part, by passing a proficiency test.

3. Psychology 201 must be taken by teacher education students.

Bachelor of Science in Economics Course

	Old	Credits	New	Credits
Religion and Philosophy	Four semester courses in Religion	8	Three semester courses in Religion	9
	Philosophy 301, General Ethics	3	Phil. 301, Gen. Ethics or Phil. 202, Prob. of Phil.	3
Language and Literature	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6
	Eng. 103-104, Basic Principles of Speech	4	Eng. 103, Basic Principles of Speech	3
	Eng. 201,202, Intro. to Lit. or Eng. 203,204, Survey English Literature	6	Eng. 201,202, Intro. to Lit. or Eng. 203,204, Survey of English Literature	6
Science and Mathematics	Math. 101, Finite Math.	3	Math. 101, Finite Math.	3
	Math. 102, Intro.to Calculus	3	Math. 102, Intro.to Calculus	3
	Nat. Sci. Fund. 201-202	6	Nat. Sci. Fund. 201-202, or a two semester introductory, lab. science course	6 8
Social Sciences	History 101, 102, History of Western Civilization	6	History 101, 102, History of Civilization	8
	Social Sci. Fund. 101-102	6	Four semester courses:	
	Psychology 201	3	Psychology 201, Political Science 201, Sociology 201,	
	Advanced Social Science electives	6	and Business Ad. 203	12
The Arts	Music 101, Music Fund.	2	One semester course in Music Apprec. and one in Art Appreciation	6
Physical Education	Physical Education (six semesters)	3	Physical Education (six semesters)	3
		65		68-70

Bachelor of Science Degree

(Home Economics Major)

	Old	Credits	New	Credits
Religion and Philosophy	Three semester course in Religion	6	Three semester courses in Religion[1].	9
	Philosophy 301, General Ethics	3	Phil. 301, Gen. Ethics or Phil. 202, Prob. of Phil.	3
Language and Literature	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6	Eng. 101,102, Eng. Comp.	6
	Eng. 103-104, Basic Principles of Speech	4	Eng. 103, Basic Principles of Speech	3
	Eng. 201,202, Intro.to Lit. or Eng. 203,204, Survey of English Literature	6	Eng. 201,202, Intro.to Lit. or Eng. 203,204, Survey of English Literature	6
Science and Mathematics	Chem. 111-112, Gen. Chem. for Home Economics	8	Chemistry 111-112, Gen. Chem. for Home Economics	8
			One semester course in Math.	3
Social Sciences	History 101,102, History of Western Civilization	6	History 101,102, History of Civilization	8
	Soc. Sci. Fund. 101-102	6	Four semester courses: Psychology 201, Psy. 361, Sociology 201, and Sociology 309	12
	Psychology 201, and Psychology 361	6		
The Arts	Music 101, Music Fund.	2	One semester course in Music Apprec. and one in Art Appreciation	6
Physical Education	Physical Education (six semesters)	3	Physcial Education (six semesters)	3
		56		67

1. Only two courses in Religion required of teacher education students in this program.